

Torrance, California  
September 28, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, September 28, 1937 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held September 14, 1937, of an adjourned regular meeting held September 16, 1937 and of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held September 17, 1937 be approved as written.

Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, Convention and Publicity Bureau, extending thanks to the City of Torrance for efforts in endeavoring to secure the 1938 convention of the League of California Municipalities.

Communication from County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, advising that appropriation of 78¢ had been made for improvement of Torrance Boulevard.

Communication from Alden W. Smith, tendering resignation from the Civil Service Board, stating as a reason that he had moved his place of residence to a suburban location.

Communication from J.O. Bishop, Chairman of the Civil Service Board, requesting that no successor be appointed to Alden W. Smith's position until after the November examinations, since a move of this kind would jeopardize the examinations.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the resignation be accepted, to become effective December 1, 1937. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from State of California Division of Highways addressed to Mr. F.R. Leonard, City Engineer. This communication was in regard to the 1/4-Cent Gas Tax allocation for State Highways. It was requested that the attached agreement for expenditure of 1/4-cent funds on State Highways within the City for the 1937-1939 biennium, be signed and returned with a certified copy of the resolution of the City Council approving agreement and authorizing the officer to sign said agreement.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1161

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF 1/4-CENT GAS  
TAX ALLOCATED FOR STATE HIGHWAYS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1161 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was

carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN:  
Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES:  
COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 299

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR KEEPING  
AND RUNNING AT LARGE OF CERTAIN  
ANIMALS AND FOWLS WITHIN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 299 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that Ordinance No. 299 be adopted, for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell brought up the subject of stray animals, such as dogs, running at large on the streets. He asked that the City Clerk contact the Humane Society and have this matter taken care of.

Councilman Deininger presented a set of rules governing use of Torrance Civic Auditorium. Councilman Deininger moved that the new rules be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Deininger presented the Auditor's Report for the year ending June 30, 1937. Councilman Deininger moved that the Audit Report be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock reported on the tree removal situation. It was decided that the Council is to meet at 4:45 p.m. Monday, October 4, 1937 for the purpose of investigating trees for possible removal.

There was some discussion relative to improving the strip of land on Torrance Boulevard belonging to the Pacific Electric Railway Company. No definite action was taken.

Councilman McGuire suggested that a "Municipal Water Works" sign be erected somewhere on Torrance Boulevard where it can be read easily instead of keeping it on the water tank.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Councilman Deininger be authorized to refer the matter to the Kiwanis Club. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried. Dissenting vote: Councilman Deininger.

Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Company, was instructed to get an estimate on the cost of placing a sign.

Councilman Powell suggested that a sign be painted for the Girl Scouts to designate their scout building.

Councilman McGuire brought up the subject of the trailer and camp car ordinance. Attorney Rippy advised that the purpose of the ordinance was to keep trailers in trailer camps. There seemed to be some misunderstanding as to whether or not a trailer owner could park the trailer on private property and use it for sleeping purposes. Mr. Rippy said that, according to the ordinance, this could not be done and that anyone using a

trailer for sleeping purposes must keep the trailer in a camp provided for that specific purpose. The general opinion, after much discussion, was that no one knows definitely yet how to deal with the trailer situation.

After a great deal of discussion pertaining to the hog ranches the Chief of Police was instructed to notify the hog ranch owners that no garbage would be hauled in to the animals after the first of October.

Councilman Deininger moved that L.J. Gilmeister be appointed Public Relations Man for the City of Torrance.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote; AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Leonard presented and explained a tentative plan of zoning of the City. He asked that the Council study the map he had prepared and offer any suggestions and changes. After a great deal of discussion, Mr. Bartlett was instructed to contact the Chamber of Commerce and set a date for the two boards to discuss this subject. Tuesday, October 5, 1937, was suggested.

There was considerable discussion about the McDonald Tract water situation. Mr. Leonard has collected and assembled all the necessary data. The City has agreed to lay the pipe, furnish fire hydrants and handle all the details of the project. The only obstacle seems to be the obtaining of a buyer for the bonds. Mr. Stavenson of the Moneta Water Works stated that the Moneta Water Works could furnish all the water needs of the district if it is formed.

Councilman Deininger moved that the engineer accumulate all the data necessary to start the procedure of establishing a district under the Debt Limitations Act, and that all departments interested proceed as far as they possibly can, with the hope that a buyer for the bonds will eventually be obtained.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:25 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.